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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PGOV, DR  
SUBJECT: THE AFTERMATH OF THE PRD VICTORY

1. IT HAS RAINED ALL DAY IN SANTO DOMINGO AND THE CITY IS QUIET. BUT IT IS A RELAXED QUIET, AS DOMINICANS HAVE ACCEPTED WITH MEASURED CALM THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 16 ELECTION. THE CELEBRATING, SUCH AS IT WAS, TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING AS PARTISANS OF GUZMAN AND THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) DROVE ABOUT THE CITY BLOWING THEIR HORNS AND WAVING WHITE HANKERCHIEFS AND PRD FLAGS FROM THEIR CARS. THE ONLY THING APPROACHING A MASS TURNOUT OF PEOPLE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT CAME LAST NIGHT IN AND AROUND PRD HEADQUARTERS LOCATED IN "CIUDAD NUEVA" IN THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL. THOUSANDS WERE THERE CHEERING THEIR LEADERS AND CAUSING GREAT TRAFFIC JAMS.  
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BY 9:30 P.M., HOWEVER, ALMOST ON CUE, THE CROWDS DISPERSED AND THE CITY WAS QUIET AGAIN.

2. VP-ELECT JACOBO MAJLUTA WAS ON THE RADIO SEVERAL TIMES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER WORD GOT OUT THAT THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD HAD THE ALL-BUT-FINAL TALLY GIVING HIM AND GUZMAN VICTORY, COUSELING RESTRAINT AMONG THE PARTY'S

CADRES AND MASS FOLLOWING. HIS ESSENTIAL MESSAGE CALLING FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE WAS THE THEME OF PRESIDENT-ELECT GUZMAN'S TELEVISED ADDRESS TO THE NATION AT 7:30 YESTERDAY EVENING.

3. CALLING THE ELECTORAL RESULTS "A TRIMPH FOR THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE," AND APPEALING TO THEIR SPIRIT OF HARD WORK TO INITIATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MORE PROMISING FUTURE FOR THE NATION, GUZMAN SAID HE INTENDED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL UNITY." HE TOOK SPECIAL PLEASURE IN NOTING WHAT HE SAID WAS THE OFFER FROM PRESIDENT BALAGUER OF HIS COOPERATION IN THE PLANNING OF THE TRANSITION TO THE GUZMAN ADMINISTRATION NEXT AUGUST. (WE ASSUME THAT SUCH AS OFFER WAS TRANSMITTED FROM THE PRESIDENT IN OTHER CHANNELS INASMUCH AS THE EXISTENCE OF THE BALAGUER CONCESSION TELEGRAMS TO GUZMAN AND MAJLUTA WAS NOT KNOWN UNTIL LATE LAST NIGHT. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON ATTITUDES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AS MORE INFORMATION DEVELOPS.)

4. ALTHOUGH THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE OF THE PAST MONTHS HAS NOW TERMINATED, GUZMAN SAID, "THERE ARE NEITHER VICTORS NOR VANQUISHED." HE SAID HE WAS EXTENDING HIS HAND TO ALL THOSE DOMINICANS WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR "THE PRD" TO ASK THEM TO HAVE FAITH AND PATIENCE WHILE THE EFFORT BEINGS TO BUILD "A SOCIETY THAT IS MORE HUMAN AND JUST."  
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5. GUZMAN EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE SHOW OF CONCERN "BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DIVERSE SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY" WHO RALLIED TO THE CAUSE OF RESPECT FOR THE POPULAR WILL EXPRESSED AT THE BALLOT BOXES, "OVER AND ABOVE PRIVATE INTERESTS OR GROUPS." GUZMAN WENT ON TO SALUTE THE CATHOLIC EPISCOPATE AND OTHER CHURCHES WHICH CAME OUT SO STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS RUN ITS COURSE. HE THANKED BUSINESS, LABOR, PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, AND PROMINENT INDIVIDUAL DOMINICANS WHO TOOK A PUBLIC STAND FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. TO THE ARMED FORCES AND THE NATIONAL POLICE, GUZMAN OFFERED AN OLIVE BRANCH. "I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO REPENT HAVING TAKEN THE HISTORIC DECISION TO RESPECT THE VERDICT OF THESE ELECTIONS." TO THE HEROES OF THE ELECTION, THE CENTRAL ELECTION BOARD, GUZMAN HAD THE HIGHEST WORDS OF PRAISE: "WITH FIRMNESS AND TRUE PATRIOTISM AND WITH GREAT HONOR TO ITSELF, IT COMPLIED WITH ITS DUTY TO SEE THAT THE ELECTORAL MECHANISMS WERE PERMITTED TO EXPRESS FREELY THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE." AT NO POINT IN THE SPEECH DID GUZMAN MENTION THE EVENTS OF EARLY MAY 17 AND SUBSEQUENT.

6. COMMENT: IN ALL THE WELL-CONTAINED EXCITEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT, THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE ALMOST HAVE LOST SIGHT OF ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT FACT: THEY NOW ALSO HAVE A TWO-PARTY CONGRESS. AS WE SAID AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS EXPERIENCE TEN DAYS AGO, THE LECTION WAS GOING TO BE CLOSE. OBVIOUSLY WE UNDERESTIMATED THE MAJORITY BY WHICH GUZMAN ACTUALLY WON IT--150,000 VOTES, OR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COUNTED WHEN THE JCE CALLED THE WINNER. BUT THE SENATE MAKEUP AT PRESENT, OUT OF 27 SEATS, IS PRD 13, PARTIDO REFORMISTA 12, WITH TWO PROVINCES YET TO BE DECIDED, AND THE RESULTS OF ANY PR CHALLENGES (SANTO DOMINGO 2844, PARAS 3 AND 4) UNKONW. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A FINAL COUNT ON THE 91 CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES  
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SEATS, BUT THAT SHOULD BE EQUALLY CLOSE. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDING CLOSER ANALYSIS OF WHAT ALL THIS MEANS DURING THE NEXT WEEK.  
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